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## LONDON TIMES MAN

## Went to Newfoundland and Studied Fisheries Difficulty.

The Newfoundland fishery troubles are attracting so much interest in England at the present time that the London Times, one of the leading papers of the world, sent Robert F. Porter, its Washington correspondent, to that island to look into and study the situation. He has recently returned to this country.

He obtained a statement on the question from Sir Robert Bond and forwarded it to the Times. Mr. Porter told of the impression he had received while in Newfoundland.

The people of "the First Colony," he said, "seem to be very weary of the whole dispute. No good has accrued to them from the various regulation imposed by the island government and little harm has been done by the so-called Gloucester fishermen, many of whom are Newfoundlanders."

In Mr. Porter's opinion the whole matter has been unnecessarily complicated by becoming a feature of Newfoundland politics. Had that not been the case Great Britain and the United States could have come to an agreement long ago.

As matters stand, the dispute will go before the Hague tribunal with England and her colonies taking different views of the question, a fact which will not be advantageous to either of them. The entire dispute hinges on the definition of the phrase, "fishing rights in common," which means either a right to fish within the three-mile limit or not.

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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Georgianna, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Monitor, Banks, dory handling, via Provincetown, 160,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Blanche, Banks, 270,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Steamer Anna Laura, shore, 120 bbls. fresh herring.  
Small boats and torchers, shore, 430 bbls. fresh herring.  
Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.  
Sch. Pauline, via Boston.

## Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.  
Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., \$1.50.  
Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.  
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Large fresh mackerel, 30 cts. each.  
Fresh medium mackerel 20 cts. each.  
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Salt mackerel, \$23 per bbl. for large, \$19 and \$20 per bbl. for mediums, and \$15 for small.  
Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. per lb. for gray.

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## ---FINE STOCK---

Sch. S. P. Willard Gets Over \$11,000 on Flitched Halibut.

Sch. S. P. Willard Capt. Augustus Peterson weighed off 84,000 pounds of flitched halibut and 100,000 pounds of salt cod as a result of her recent flitched halibut trip to Bacalieu bank, making the fine stock of \$11,115.04, the crew sharing \$269.24 each.

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## Boston.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 6000 cod.  
Sch. Marsala, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Rebecca, 17,000 cod.  
Sch. Eva Avina, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Nokomis, 9000 pollock.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Pontiac, 12,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. James R. Clark, 18,000 pollock.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 hake.  
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 3000 haddock, 18,000 cod.  
Sch. James and Esther, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Olivia Sears, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Valentina, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Thalia, 13,000 cod.  
Sch. Grace Otis, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 9000 pollock.  
Sch. Seacomet, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 12,000 hake.  
Sch. Hurricane, 100 bbls. fresh herring.  
Sch. Marion, 6000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt., large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.65 to \$3; pollock, \$1.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Sceptre was at Canso, N. S., Monday and sch. Niagara sailed from there the same day.

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## WILL NOT APPEAL.

## Newfoundland Shipping Case Will Not Go to Privy Council.

The supreme court of Newfoundland yesterday refused to allow the west coast fishermen to appeal to the privy council of Great Britain in the herring fishery cases. The court held that as no amount of money or any technical question of law was involved, it could not sanction an appeal.

The appellants had, however, the right to appeal to the privy council direct, but owing to the recent development in the fishery dispute, whereby Americans are allowed to purchase fish from native fishermen, the appellants decided not to appeal further and withdrew \$1500 from the court, deposited as security to meet the cost of carrying the litigation to England.

The appeal referred to was that of two Bay of Islands fishermen who were arrested and fined last year on a charge of violating the Newfoundland laws. The men were hired by the captain of sch. Ralph L. Hall, of this port. The fishermen made a test case of the arrests and appealed from the decision of the lower court. The supreme court decided against them and preparations had been made for carrying the case to the privy council at London, the court of last resort in the British empire.

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## BIG STOCKS.

## Two of the Market Boats Profit Well by High Prices.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, Capt. Silva, stocked \$2000 as the result of her recent fine haddock trip at Boston yesterday, the crew sharing \$85 each.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria stocked \$2100 on her fine fare at Boston yesterday.

Both vessels belong to the market fishing fleet. They had good fares, but the extra fine prices prevailing gave each of them a much larger stock than would usually be the case on the average market.

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## MADE FINE STOCK.

## Sch. Massachusetts Got Over \$12,000 on Flitched Halibut Trip.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll, weighed off 113,000 pounds of flitched halibut and 59,000 pounds of salt cod as the result of her recent flitched halibut trip, making the splendid stock of \$12,112, the crew of 20 men each sharing \$280.

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## Bank Cod Sale.

The fare of salt bank dory headline cod of sch. Monitor of Provincetown sold to Cunningham & Thompson.

## HERRING POT IS BOILING.

## Premier Bond Trying To Force Shrewd Move.

## LODGE AND GARDNER TALK.

## General Impression That Americans Will Not Buy Herring.

The exclusive news in the Times of yesterday that the Newfoundland herring fisheries question had suddenly become of a very serious nature, and at a time when it was supposed that all was to be smooth sailing, came as a surprise to most of the people here, as well to government people.

With the proclamation of the *modus vivendi* and the recent imperial rescript, it looked as though there was little chance for any difficulty in the way of an uneventful pursuit of the Newfoundland herring fishery this winter, but the reply of Premier Bond to the Board of Trade message showed plainly that Premier Bond was still determined to stir up trouble and had already quietly laid his plans to make this season one of the "worst ever" for the Americans.

The sending of the telegram brought to light just what Premier Bond was up to and what he had been quietly nursing for some time, waiting for a chance to spring and hoping that it would not be discovered before he had an opportunity to get to work. The telegram, however, called for a reply, and although the reply was three days in coming, it told the whole story in a very few words when it did come.

The amount of the whole situation is that Premier Bond says he will allow the native fishermen to sell their herring to the highest bidder and that he will not permit Newfoundland fishermen to ship on American vessels; all this despite the *modus vivendi*, which provides that we can ship the Newfoundlanders.

The premier is simply trying to force the Americans to buy their herring of the natives and thus make them dutiable goods on their arrival here. He is trying to make the Americans forego their right of shipping men under the *modus vivendi* and come to his way, or the way he wants the industry conducted, that of buying the herring from the native fishermen. He wants us not only to give up our vested rights, but our rights under the *modus vivendi* and the imperial rescript and do just as he desires, hoping to make capital of the matter thereby, when The Hague tribunal meets. He is playing a bold game, in which from present appearances he will be a loser. It is the old Bond tactics over and over; simply a case of making all the trouble possible, irrespective of right or wrong, or where or whom his act affects.

Yesterday afternoon, a committee from the Board of Trade, comprising Messrs. Benjamin A. Smith, Frank C. Pearce, Fred L. Davis and Capt. Carl C. Young, called on Congressman Gardner at his home in Hamilton and talked the matter over at length. As a result of the conference, the whole situation as it was understood was brought to the notice of the state department at Washington.

The committee had no statement to make on its return, but Congressman Gardner gave out the following interview: ---

"I very much doubt if the edict of Premier Bond can prevent the American fishing fleet from shipping whomever they choose outside the three-mile limit, inasmuch as articles two and three of the new *modus vivendi* with Great Britain specially provides that this may be done. Moreover, Great Britain on September 9, 1907, issued an order in council providing for the carrying out of the provisions of the *modus vivendi*. This, of course, Great Britain is authorized to do in dealing with the international affairs of her colonies.

"So far as Premier Bond's offer with regard to the purchase of herring in open market is concerned, that is no offer at all. Friendly nations always accord each other the privilege of freely purchasing foodstuff in open market. It is to be remembered by the way, that the present dispute is with regard to herring to be used for food and not for bait.



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"Gloucester fishermen have no desire to be unreasonable. They are willing to make any concession which does not ruin the prospect of a successful herring season, but, obviously, they cannot afford to buy herring in the open market in Newfoundland and pay \$1.14 duty.

"For the last 12 years the price of herring in the United States has varied from \$2.50 to \$4 a barrel. We have already waived our rights to use purse seines for the present, and it is supposed by both the British government and our own state department that this concession would be gratefully appreciated by the Newfoundland authorities.

"Inasmuch as the Newfoundland native fishermen complain of the hardship of being shipped outside the three-mile limit, I feel sure that the Gloucester vessels would consent to ship them at their homes. This would remove the principal source of complaint on the part of the natives. This probably would not satisfy Sir Robert Bond, inasmuch as his policy is purely retaliatory."

In an interview last night, Senator Lodge declared:

"Premier Bond has nothing to do with it; he has no power to act in the matter, neither has Newfoundland anything to do with it at the present stage. The modus vivendi was made between the United States government and the British government. Premier Bond could not change it if he wanted to.

"This agreement gives Americans the right to ship Newfoundland fishermen and, on the other hand, prohibits Sunday fishing and certain kinds of seining. This agreement between the United States and Great Britain stands until the entire matter can be placed before The Hague tribunal for arbitration and that will take some time.

"One of the matters The Hague court will take up will be whether or not this is a matter for colonial legislation; that is, whether or not Newfoundland can decide the question, or whether or not the treaty of 1818 shall be continued."

Senator Lodge did not consider the matter in any way serious, although he admitted that he could not understand it. Congressman Gardner, on the other hand, although he took the same view, as to Premier Bond's limitations so far as the modus vivendi was concerned, as did Senator Lodge, regarded the matter in a much more serious light.

Following the usual Gloucester line of policy, the committee of the Board of Trade who yesterday called on Congressman Gardner declined to be interviewed or have anything to say on the subject, believing that the interest of the American fisheries could be best served by little or no talk on the subject.

Although nothing has been said, it is the general opinion that there is a unanimity of ideas on the matter and that Gloucester looks on it, as it has on all other knotty points in this Newfoundland trouble during the past three seasons, as a matter between the United States and England, with Newfoundland trying to make all the trouble it can. As usual, Gloucester's interests are in good hands and there is no idea that the herring fishery at Bay of Islands will be abandoned for this winter, and it seems to be the general opinion that there is no idea of buying herring as Premier Bond is trying to make us do.

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**BOND AT WORK AGAIN.****Refuses To Allow Newfoundland Fishermen To Ship.****IN OR OUT THREE MILE LIMIT.****Other Unexpected Features Complicate Herring Situation.**

A new light was shed on the Newfoundland herring fisheries trouble today, and coming as it does when it was supposed that there was to be smooth sailing for both sides the present season, it shows that beneath the honeyed phrases of his recent edict that the fishermen of the west coast could sell their herring to the highest bidder, Premier Bond was holding back something which he thought would be a trump card, and what it was came out today.

It came to light undoubtedly sooner than the premier expected and is fortunately discovered in time to be met.

On Monday last, President Thomas J. Carroll of the board of trade sent for that organization a telegram to the premier asking him very plainly if he would permit the shipping of Newfoundland fishermen on American vessels, inside the three mile limit to catch herring the present season.

The people on the west coast understood from the premier's recent telegrams to them that were to have that privilege, as well as the privilege of selling to the highest bidder, in fact dispatches from St. John's, N. F., led the fishing interest here to believe the same thing.

To make sure, however, the telegram was sent, and last evening Sir Robert Bond let the cat out of the bag in a reply telegram which stated that he would permit the catching and selling of herring to the highest bidder, but that he could not permit the shipping of Newfoundland fishermen on American vessels.

Thus it appears that notwithstanding the proclamation of the imperial rescript on September 26, which virtually annulled the salient features of Bond's foreign fishing vessels act, the premier is still disposed to make the sledding as hard as possible for the American fleet. In this present case it is simply an attempt to make the Americans buy their herring fares, instead of hiring men and making them part of their crews to catch them, and thus gain a point or make a point that when our vessels arrive home with cargoes they would be dutiable.

Just before the Times goes to press, it is understood that other features of much importance have entered into the case, and that they have been brought up very suddenly and unexpectedly and to complicate the whole matter to a serious degree, so that at present everything is "all in the air" as far as the herring season is concerned.

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**RELEASED ON LIGHT FINE.****Guilt Was Admitted in Sch. Fannie E. Prescott Case.****VESSEL SAILS FOR HOME TODAY****Owners Pay \$200 Fine Imposed by Admiralty Court.**

After having been detained at the government dock at Halifax, N. S., since June, sch. Fannie E. Prescott, of Boston, finally was released yesterday, after payment by her owners of a fine of \$200 and costs for alleged violation of the fisheries laws.

The Prescott was seized by a government cruiser last June on the charge of having been engaged in fishing inside the three-mile limit. Although her owners protested that the schooner had not violated the law, she was taken to the dockyard and stripped, and her fare of mackerel was sold. Recently the owners abandoned their defense and entered a plea of guilty, whereupon the admiralty court imposed a fine and ordered the release of the schooner.

The fine was paid, and yesterday the schooner was turned over to Capt. Henry M. Atwood and a crew sent there by the owners.

The Prescott is being refitted and it is expected that she will sail today for this port where she will fit out for haddocking.

Capt. Atwood of this city, who is the vessel manager of the Atlantic Maritime Co., which owns the vessel, and which has its vessel headquarters at this port, went to Halifax last week to complete the final arrangements for the release of the craft and the payment of the fine, the amount of which was not given out until yesterday.

The small size of the fine imposed is causing much favorable comment among vessel owners and the general public, most of whom believed that it would be at least \$1000 or more. It is taken to mean that the Canadian government in this case was satisfied with an admission of guilt, and that the imposing of the small fine was practically a matter of form.

The owners of the Prescott are certainly very fortunate in securing the return of their vessel on so slight a fine, as she is one of the finest crafts in the New England fishing fleet. In times past, other American seiners seized for the same offence, alleged fishing within the three mile limit, have been confiscated and never returned, while in other cases it has cost the owners of seized crafts as high as \$7000 to secure the release of the vessel.

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.****Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Eglantine, Maine coast, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Actor, Maine coast, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Rena A. Percy, Maine coast, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, Maine coast, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Ida M. Silva, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

**Today's Fish Market.**

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Fresh medium mackerel 20 cts. each.  
Dressed fresh pollock, 60 cts. per cwt.  
Salt mackerel, \$23 per bbl. for large, \$19 and \$20 per bbl. for mediums, and \$15 for small.  
Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. per lb. for gray.

**Boston.**

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 500 haddock, 2000 cod, 95,000 hake, 500 cusk, 500 pollock.  
Sch. Annie Perry, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod, 12,000 hake.  
Sch. Mattakesett, 3000 haddock, 5000 cod, 16,000 hake.  
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake.  
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Lear C., 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Rose Standish, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Mina Swim, 16,000 cod.  
Sch. William A. Morse, 2500 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Grace Darling, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 11000 pollock.  
Sch. Louise C. Cabra, 1500 haddock, 1200 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Morning Star, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 9000 haddock, 1400 cod, 500 hake.  
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 15,000 pollock.  
Sch. Motor, 2000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Etta Mildred, 15,000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.25 to \$6.50, market cod, \$2.25 to \$3; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.35; cusk, \$1.25.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Capt. William Larkin is fitting sch. Rob Roy for a Newfoundland herring trip.  
Sch. Titania will fit for deck handing under command of Capt. Patrick Vale.

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**FISHING TRIP SETTLEMENT.****Copy of Document Now Over One Hundred Years Old.**

Mr. Henry C. L. Haskell has in his possession a rare and ancient document in the form of the settlement of a fishing trip in 1754, over a century ago, which reads as follows:

A counte of my vige on the schooner Endeavor Joseph Newell owner 1754  
By catching of 6512 cod fish at £37 10s per thousand and the sam £ s d  
Rat for a part of a thousand 244. 2. 6  
and for cashing 12 Barrals of mack- old tener  
rel at 9 shillins per barrall, old 4. 12  
tener 6.  
and finding my self Boots  
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